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RUSSIANS DRIVE TO CUT OFF EAST PRUSSIA

Roosevelt Pledges Lasting Peace In Brief Inaugural Address at Simple White House Ceremony

Declares Americans Will Pass Supreme Test of War

By J. A. FOX.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt today renewed his oath of office for a fourth term with a promise that in time to come America will work for a lasting peace with the same intensity of purpose with which her sons today face the enemy on battlefields.

In a brief message climaxing a simple, unpretentious ceremony devoid of all the pageantry of former inaugurations, the President charted the Nation's course in crisp, firm

"We Americans of today, together with our Allies, are passing through a period of supreme test." he said. "It is a test of our courage-of our resolve-of our wisdom-of our essential decency.

"If we meet the test-successfully and honorably-we shall perform a service of historic importance which men and women and children will honor throughout all time."

Small Crowd Attends. Mr. Roosevelt took the oath in an unprecedented ceremony on the south portico of the White House. Before him, the smallest inaugural crowd in years-estimated at approximately 10,000, including those outside the grounds- had scuffed a light snow off the White House lawn. About him on the south portico were gathered the Government's top leaders, including the new Vice

President, Harry S. Truman. The entire ceremony lasted only

"As I stand here today, having taken the solemn oath of office in the presence of my fellow countrymen-in the presence of our God-I know that it is America's purpose that we shall not fail." the Presi-

"In the days and in the years that **Bus Lines Resuming** are to come we shall work for a just and durable peace as today we work "We can and we will achieve such Normal Service as for a total victory in war.

a peace. The President spoke just a few moments after he had stood beside Streets Are Cleared Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone, his hand on an old family Bible and pledged anew to discharge faithfully the duties of leadership for which the people again have chesen him.

Nearby stood Mr. Truman, former Senator from Missouri, who had just taken the oath from his predecessor, Henry A. Wallace.

Bishop Dun Invokes Blessing.

Surrounding them were their fam- persons to be late for work. ilies, the judiciary, the cabinet, the heads of the armed service, the by vehicles and pedestrians, caused Draft Board Processes Speaker of the House and the Am- conditions this morning which a bassador of Mexico, dean of the Capital Transit Co. official had 153 After Ohio Strike diplomatic corps. There, too, was termed "the worst of the winter." the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Episco- The company reported conditions pal Bishop of Washington, who in- on bus lines much improved although voked the divine blessing as the some trouble was still being en-President prepared to take over.

On the lawn below stood the particularly on Connecticut avenue other invited guests-members of near the District Line, and on a few Congress, State Governors, mem- hilly cross-town routes. Officials bers of the Electoral College, Demo-said that with the help of sanders, cratic committeemen, national and they believed conditions would again State, and representatives of the va- be normal by early afternoon "prorious groups which took part in the vided there was no break in the November campaign, when Presi- weather." Other bus companies redent Roosevelt, now nearing 63, de- ported conditions were again returnfeated Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of ing to normal along their routes. New York and took from the people Only one automobile accident was a mandate to press the war to vic- attributed to the snow fall. tory and join with the other leaders The District government of the United Nations to work for somewhat handicapped in clearing an enduring peace.

Yards away beyond the White many crews were dispatched to the House fence stood the general pub- White House and immediate vicinity lic. Loudspeakers carried the pro- to clear that area of snow for the ceedings to them. Today's crowd, and inauguration. This left fewer sandthe simple ceremony, reflective of ers and men for work elsewhere. wartime, were in vivid contrast to the throngs and panoply of peacetime inaugurations.

Official guests numbered 5,913, o'clock last night, after about two where in peacetime it would have been five times that. The spectors on the spectors of the spe tators on the outside, who were Weather Bureau reported. Tembetter able to hear than to see, were few in comparison to the thousands who ordinarily would be con- mum of 36 degrees expected. gregated at the Capitol and along the route over which the President and automobile traffic for a short would move to the White House on time during the rush hour this

morning along Massachusetts ave-Hours before the ceremony scores nue N.W. between Thirty-fourth of blue-clad White House policemen street and Wisconsin avenue. Fortyone sanders of the District Refuse and an equal number of military Department and the Capital Transit police in khaki overcoats were lined up on the various drives over which

Co. were assigned to sand the thoroughfare and other main arteries. ticket holders were guided. Of the approximately 5,000 cards issued, only about 1,500 entitled their Sixteenth street between Walter holders to the White House lawn Reed Hospital and Montague street immediately below the portico. On N.W. and along hilly Pennsylvania the outskirts of the reserved areas avenue S.E. the public gathered early to get a long-range glimpse of the quadren-

Speech Shortwaved The President's speech, carried on N.W., were halted one behind the the four networks and short-waved other near Nebraska avenue, with in English, Spanish, French and drivers unable to proceed until Portuguese, was in full keeping with sanders arrived. the simplicity of the rest of the

Connecticut avenue and the Irving As he spoke of the peace it is his hope to fashion and warned that most severely affected by the snowstreet bus lines were the two routes America cannot live alone, the Pres- fall. ident said solemnly, "We shall strive for perfection," but that this would not be achieved immediately. Mistakes will be made, he said, but they must not be those which come from "faintness of heart or abandonment

hour, he said, when shortly after 8 of the moral principal.' a.m. a truck stalled on the tracks The war, the President continued, on Wisconsin avenue near Chesahas taught us lessons—at fearful peake street N.W. and held up "We have learned that we streetcars for about half an hour. cannot live alone, at peace," he In the one accident attributed to said, "that our own well, (See INAUGURATION, Page A-3.) (See TRAFFIC, Page A-7.)

Text of Inaugural Address

The text of President Roosevelt's inaugural address follows: Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Vice President-my friends:

You will understand and, I believe, agree with my wish that the form of this inauguration be simple and its words brief.

We Americans of today, together with our Allies, are passing through a period of supreme test. It is a test of our courageof our resolve-of our wisdom-of our essential decency.

If we meet that test-successfully and honorably—we shall perform a service of historic importance which men and women and children will honor throughout all time.

"We Shall Not Fail." As I stand here today, having taken the solemn oath of office in

the presence of my fellow countrymen-in the presence of our God-I know that it is America's purpose that we shall not fail. In the days and in the years that are to come, we shall work for a just and durable peace as

today we work and fight for total victory in war. We can and we will achieve

such a peace. We shall strive for perfection. We shall not achieve it immediately-but we still shall strive. We may make mistakes - but they must never be mistakes which result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral

I remember that my old schoolmaster said, in days that seemed to us then to be secure and untroubled: "Things in life will not always run smoothly. Sometimes we will be rising toward the heights-then all will seem to reverse itself and start downward. The great fact to remember is that the trend of civilization it-

All-Night Snowfall

Creates Dangerous

Traffic Conditions

Main District streets were rap-

idly being cleared of the sleet

and snow which earlier today

snarled traffic and caused many

countered because of ice on hills,

Snow Follows Sleet.

The snow, which began at 8

The slippery streets stalled bus

Buses also were stalled on upper

Two Bus Lines Stalled.

Just as the morning rush hour

started, between 15 and 20 buses,

southbound on Connecticut avenue

A Capital Transit official said the

He added, however, that with one

exception streetcar lines experienced

little delay. The one lengthy break

in schedule occurred during the rush

anace R. Hutchins, 34.

line drawn through the middle of the peaks and valleys of the

centuries always has an upward

Our Constitution of 1787 was not a perfect instrument; it is not perfect yet. But it provided a firm base on which all manner of men, of all races and colors and creeds, could build our solid structure of democracy.

Today in this year of war, 1945, we have learned lessonsat a fearful cost-and we shall profit by them. Can't Live As Ostriches.

We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace; that our own well-being is dependent on the well-being of other nations -far away. We have learned that we must live as men, not as ostriches, nor as dogs in the manger.

We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community.

We have learned the simple truth as Emerson said, that "the only way to have a friend is to be one."

We can gain no lasting peace if we approach it with suspicion and mistrust-and with fear. We can gain it only if we proceed with the understanding and confidence and courage which flow from conviction.

The Almighty God has blessed our land in many ways. He has given our people stout hearts and strong arms with which to strike mighty blows for freedom and truth. He has given to our country a faith which has become the hope of all peoples in an anguished world.

We pray now to Him for the vision to see our way clearly-to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men-to the achievement of His will to peace on earth.

Yank Fires Quickly As Luzon Haystack

By the Associated Press.
WITH THE UNITED STATES 6th ARMY, LUZON, Jan, 20.—When haystacks start walking, it's time for your rifle. Richard Adams Schenectady, N. Y., acted accordingly when he saw a perambulating mound of hay on the Luzon front. It turned out to be a camouflaged Japanese. Sergt. Adams later messaged company commander: "Spotted Jap. Send shovels."

The light all-night snow, packed

By the Associated Press. PORT CLINTON, Ohio, Jan. 20.-Board, said today 153 men between abroad.

group is being readied for Army inboard will consider individual cases. tainly be considered at that time."

say how many of the reclassified and sanding the streets because were strike participants. Fire Destroys Portion

Gets Up and Walks

reclassified into 1-A."

Mr. Meyer asserted "the entire

Of Embassy in Chungking

bassy in Chungking was destroyed under the stage name of Bobby

CHUNGKING. Jan. 20.-The Keller, who appeared in the muchancery of the United States Em- sical comedy "Follow the Girls'



EARLY MORNING INAUGURAL SCENE-Where several thousand persons were to stand three hours later to witness the urth maugural of President Roosevelt, sledding was the order pendent on the well-being of other of 1321 Euclid street N.W., received of the day this morning. Bill Crawford, 4-year-old son of Mrs. nations far away. We have learned a severe laceration of the cheek Faye Emerson Roosevelt, and 8-year-old Elliott Roosevelt, jr.,



term by Chief Justice Stone (obscured by flag) as his son, Col. James Roosevelt, U. S. M. C., stands by on the south portico of the White House.

Canada Lists 7,800 Yanks Smash Jap Tanks, Guns **Departs Overseas**

6,300, Still Missing, Face Classification As Army Deserters

By the Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.-Half of a for overseas service went absent without leave before embarkation, and 6,300 still are at large, beachhead. It is the first real were repulsed but artillery duels are Defense Minister A. G. L. McRoughten distance in the Yanks landed on continuing. Naughton disclosed today.

About 1,500 of these 7,800 returned voluntarily or were apprehended, he added, and about 500 of them sailed

He said this total of 8,300 conscripted men sent overseas was ac- around Baguio, Philippines summer companied by "the full normal quota capital, from other enemy forces on of reinforcements"—presumably men the south defending Manila. who had volunteered for service

return within 21 days. Gen. Mc- from Manila. jority of men has not been classed

as deserters yet, he added. units were drafted for overseas duty ber despite vigorous protests, principally from the French-speaking Ottawa County Selective Service Canada has sent only volunteers

26 and 29, some of whom partici- Army authorities anticipated late pated in a strike last week at the arrivals and absentees, the an-Standard Products Co., were proc- nouncement said, and moved enough essed for Army induction and "a few troops to ports to "insure embarkation of the full complement of rein-

"The arrival of these troops has (See CANADIANS, Page A-7.)

Participation in any strike will cer- Musical Comedy Actor The board chairman declined to Hangs Self in Theater

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—The body of Paul Keller, 28, an actor, was found hanged in the rear of the stage of the Forty-Fourth Street Theater last night.

The Americans are linking up a solid GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEAD-line along the Manila-Baguio road tling to stop the smash along the Belgian bulge, and advanced north QUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 20.— in a 30-mile stretch from near Ro- Upper Silesian border. Berlin said, of captured Diekirch, 30 miles to the Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's 6th sario on the north to the Agno Kepno is only 9 miles from the fron-Army is smashing Japanese River on the south near Villasis. tanks, silencing artillery concontingent of 15,600 Canadian cealed in caves and going after The Japanese threw night counter- between Kepno and Berlin. home defense soldiers drafted enemy soldiers in 10-foot-deep attacks at Yanks in the outskirts

knocked out and 600 Japanese killed Rosario captured Sison. -some of them 23d Division troops Further southeast down the high-

lating Japanese forces on the north mm. guns destroyed 10 camouflaged There has been scarcely any offi-

cial word of a further push south- peared as a motorized unit of Yanks The 6,300 still absent will be ward by Yank columns last reported classed as deserters if they do not approaching Tarlac, 65 airline miles Naughton said the troop movement | The battle of the left flank is a

began Christmas week. But the ma- scattered series of small clashes. (See PHILIPPINES, Page A-4.)

by the Associated Press.

400 miles east of Hawaii.

Lifeboat Cut in Two.

ican coast sank several transport

(See SINKING, Page A-7.)

attack.

sped through Villasis to the Agno River and there seized a 2,800-foot bridge, partially wrecked. Southwest of Urdaneta, American

knocked out the other 2.

The 15,600 troops in home defense Pacific Ship Convoys House Group Delays were drafted for everyone duty. under a policy of partial conscription adopted by Canada in November Alerted for Subs After New Work Law, Sets Leslie E. Meyer, chairman of the population of Quebec. Previously, Ottawa County Selective Service Canada has sent only volunteers.

Survivors Tell of Jap Strong Bloc Maps Fight Strafing of Lifeboats **Against Reviewing** Of Farm Deferments In November Torpedoing

By J. A. O'LEARY. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20 .duction but not for immediate call. brought the department's normal resailing out of Pacific Coast ports week a final decision on compulhave been alerted against roving sory manpower legislation, after more than 1,000 German towns in Strasbourg are but 10 miles away. Japanese submarines came today voting late yesterday to impose East Prussia, now caught in a pinafter the Navy disclosed the loss civil penalties on men between cers from southwest and northeast. of the Liberty Ship John A. 18 and 45 who leave essential Johnson and 10 of its crew in a jobs, instead of inducting them torpedoing and lifeboat strafing into Army work battalions.

The sinking and machine-gun at- farm bloc announced plans to wage White Russian Army in a newly de- heim, in the Nazis' Rhine bridgetack came last November between a separate fight against the admin-veloped offensive were closing on head 17 miles northeast of Stras-Police listed the death of Mr. the mainland and Honolulu, about istration's recent order to draft Tilsit from Ragnit, 5 miles to the bourg. boards to review agricultural defer- southeast. ments. Expressing fear that if any Of the 10 American seamen killed more able-bodied men are taken ing" at the eastern fringes of Gum-St. Vith and taken all commandmost died under sprays of bullets from the farms the food supply of binnen, 15 miles east of Insterburg, ing heights on the north and west. fired, survivors said, by frenzied Jap- this country and its Allies will be and north and northeast of Inster- Five more towns fell northwest and anese who danced on the sub- endangered, the farm group made burg. marine's deck while shouting curses public a resolution it will offer in the House on Monday.

Insterburg, center, was in

The resolution seeks to require The survivors told how they spent selective service to clarify the recent two terrifying hours submerging farm directive by listing agriculture themselves and hiding behind wreck- as a critical war industry, and by vital communications of Silesia and age to keep out of the range of the advising local boards to follow the endangering the value of that coal deferment standards in the Tydings producing and industrial region to amendment of three years ago.

Labor Hoarding Probe Asked. farm bloc resolution would open up der experiencing his eighth the whole manpower problem in antorpedoing, said all of the 10 who other committee by proposing that War Mobilization Director Byrnes

sucked into the sub's propeller.

Five men were seriously wounded

Federal employes, and especially to make a thorough investigation of labor hoarding in industry, particularly in the cost-plus war indus-tries." By a vote of 15 to 2, the Military water in attempts to ram rafts and Committee late yesterday adopted the motion of Representative Kilday. Lt. (j.g.) Wynn Del Yates of Salt Democrat, of Texas to provide fines Lake City counted 18 Japanese on up to \$10,000 or five years' imprisondeck gleefully and cursing survivors. ment instead of induction into mili-

overhead; the survivors were picked job without permission. This action applied only to the first part of the bill, designed to The Johnson's skipper, Capt. A. H. stop turnover among existing war Beeken, Tacoma, Wash., was rescued workers. The committee is expected

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Germans Hurl Back Yanks' Defense Line North of Strasbourg

Reds Gain 20 Miles In Their Smash at Silesian Border

BULLETIN.

LONDON (A).-Marshal Petrov's Russian forces in the Polish Carpathians have captured Nowy Sacz, 10 miles from the old Czechoslovak border, and Presov in Slovakia, Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day.

(Map on Page A-7.)

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Rus-sians, driving to cut off East Prussia, have penetrated within Germans linked in the bridgehead. 62 miles of the Gulf of Danzig Strasbourg is a political asset the in the Junkers province and have Allied supreme command is adsmashed to within 204 miles of mittedly anxious to retain

tling against a rolling Red Army south.

from the Kremlin. Marshal Ivan Konev's 1st Ukrainian armor reached the area of Kepno (Kemper) in a 20-mile advance tier and 38 miles northeast of Bres-Today's communique and Associa- lau, the chief industrial center of German Silesia. Only 204 miles lie

Five Miles From Tannenberg.

Northwest of Warsaw Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's 2nd White Four miles southeast Yank columns moving north on the Manila-Baguio Prussia on a 35-mile front and the Roer River. Twenty Japanese tanks have been highway which leads in behind stabbed to Gilgenburg, 62 miles from the Gulf of Danzig.

for Britain along with the others who did not take unauthorized leaves

from Manchuria—in a three-day way past Pozorrubio, where one stiff Tannenburg, where the memorial to t

The Russian also reached Neiden Japanese tanks and bazookas burg, 8 miles inside East Prussia, and Chorzelle on the East Prussian-On down the highway past Ur- Polish border, the Germans andaneta Japanese resistance disap-nounced.

In the center of the blazing front Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st

toward the Polish corridor between the Vistula and Warta (Warthe) in new breakthroughs, and the Germans said fighting was raging against the onrushing line of Red Army tanks.

Near Vistula River Fortress. The Russians had reached the area of Plock, Vistula River fortress 125 miles from Pomerania

The Russians were 238 miles from Berlin in this sector. The communique did not confirm earlier Berlin broadcasts indicating that Russian spearheads had crossed the Silesian border. But the high command said heavy fighting was raging in the border area against wedges attacking westward, a clear

Closing on Tilsit. Prussia from 350,000 to 500,000 men pulsed American infantrymen at-Meanwhile, a powerful House of Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's 3d tempting to slash back into Sessen-

The Germans spoke of "wild fight-

important railway center, was in danger of being cut off from Tilsit to the north. Russian forces, leaving captured Iveldingen, 1,500 yards southwest of Krakow, were smashing across the Eivetingen. The 1st Division oc-

the Germans. By reaching the area of Kepno the Russians extended to 65 miles a While the Military Committee still front which was only 4 to 9 miles is struggling with the subject, the at the most from the Silesian bor-

A Russian flank 50 miles long now U. S. Flyers Attack (See RUSSIA, Page A-7.)

'Big 3' Sign Armistice

With Hungarian Regime

LONDON, Jan. 20.-Soviet Russia, the United States and Britain have signed an armistice with Hungary's provisional government, the Moscow

radio announced today. Moscow said the terms would be published later. The Hungarian Heilbronn, north of Stuttgart, and regime is headed by Col. Gen. Bela at Rheine, north of Munster, and a The submarine desappeared short- tary labor battalions for deferred Miklos, and is seated at Debrecen in ly before an American plane came draft registrants who leave a war Russian-won territory.

The armistice was arranged after three days' negotiations.

Beeken, Tacoma, Wash., was rescued after several hours in the water; he had escaped after his lifeboat was cut in two by the raider.

(Tokyo and Berlin radios had announced Nov. 6 "Japanese subannounced Nov. 6 "Japanese subannounced Nov. 6 "Japanese subannounced Nov. 6 "Fare on the Amera of the Amera of

There are many other changes to John Balfour, headed Britain's lines were cut and one railyard was attacked.

British Units Cross Meuse; 1st and 3d Armies Near St. Vith

(Map on Page A-7.)

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Jan. 20.-Three successive attacks by German troops from the center of their cross-Rhine corridor have smashed the United States 7th Army's defense line in the Strasbourg area back almost 5 miles into the village of Weyersheim, 81/2 miles above the

menaced Alsatian capital. Earlier reports said the Americans

Berlin in the southwest, the Ger- The Germans hold a solid corriman communique disclosed to- dor on the Rhine's west bank to within 7 miles of Strasbourg and The Germans told of fierce bat- are 10 miles from the city on the

tide of 3,000,000 men everywhere On the northern section of the along a blazing 800-mile front as front British troops jumped the Moscow broadcasts indicated a Meuse River below Roermond unfresh series of victory announce-opposed last night, widening the 2d ments might be forthcoming tonight Army's push in the Dutch panhandle which is forcing the Germans back on the Roer River line 38 miles

west of Dusseldorf. Just below the Pritish operations, from Wielun northwest of captured United States 1st and 3d Army Krakow. German home guard bat- troops drove in on St. Vith, hightalions, the Volkssturm, were bat- way stronghold in the diminishing

south in Luxembourg British Meet No Opposition.

British assault troops crossing the Meuse by boat seized Stevensweert. miles southwest of Roermond, without opposition. The crossing added about 2 miles to the 7-mile assault arc of white-camouflaged Russian Army reached or crossed tanks and troops bulging into Gerthe southwestern border of East man lines within 8 to 10 miles of

Although Stevensweert had been abandoned, it was still too early to Gilgenburg is only 5 miles from tell whether the enemy was begineachhead. was fought, the Japanese tried an Masurian Lakes in the first World and Geilenkirchen in Germany, a front dispatch said. British troops advanced up to 1,500 yards in mopup operations, and pushed beyond Hongen, a mile from the German-Dutch frontier.

Farther north German parachute troops in a sudden assault seized Zetten, 6 miles north of Nijmegen and 4 miles below Arnhem, but Al-White Russian Army was pouring lied counterattacks drove them back in night street fighting.

In the Strasbourg area the Germans apparently were strengthening armored forces poured into the Rhine bridgehead. At least six pontoon bridges have been thrown over

Nazis Pulling Back Tanks.

Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had pulled virtually his whole tank force out of the westers front battleline except for this northeastern corner of France. screened the movement. Whether he was pulling the tanks back for repair or racing to hurl them into a battle for Strasbourg was a ques-

German attempts to edge closer indication that the tide of war had to Strasbourg's northern outskirts crept to the immediate vicinity of were broken up, although patrols had advanced to within 6 miles An American counterattack

smashed a German bridgehead flung over the Zorn River, 9 miles north In the northeastern sector of East of Strasbourg. But the Germans re-The United States 1st Army had

compressed an arc within 4 miles of

southwest of that bastion. Other Units Advance. The 30th Division won Eivetingen, miles southeast of Malmedy, and

Two additional men from the District area have been reported killed in this war. See

"On the Honor Roll," Page A-2. (See WESTERN FRONT, Page A-7)

Bridges on Rhine

LONDON, Jan. 20.-More than 750 Flying Fortresses, with 600 Mustang scorts, today hammered rail networks and Rhine bridges supplying the German forces in Alsace after a one-day lapse in heavy bomber air

The targets were freight yards at Rhine highway-rail bridge at Mann-

Poor weather limited tactical misions of continent-based 9th Air Foreign Commissar Vvacheslav Force planes yesterday to 199 fight-Molotov headed Russia's delegation. er-bomber sorties and 28 reconnais-

The British Charge d'Affaires, aging of 35 railway cars. Nine rail



frolic in the snow. -Star Staff Photo.

As AWOL When Unit In First Real Fight on Luzon 600 of Foe Killed in Three-Day Battle on Left Flank; Artillery Duels Continue